COVER STORY

Breaking ground on the new Topgolf Renton—Seattle (from left) are Renton City Councilmember Angelina Benedetti and Valerie O’Halloran, Renton City Council President Randy Corman, Tanner Micheli, Topgolf Director of Real Estate, Renton Mayor Armondo Pavone, former Topgolf Executive Chairman Erik Anderson, Topgolf Chief Customer Officer Lynda Firey Oldroyd, and Renton City Councilmember Kim Khăn Văn.

Topgolf is coming to Renton.

Executives from Topgolf, a global sports and entertainment leader, joined Mayor Armondo Pavone and city councilmembers Tuesday in a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of Topgolf Renton—Seattle, their first traditional multi-level entertainment venue in Washington.

Scheduled to open in 2022, Topgolf Renton—Seattle will be located off Logan Avenue near Boeing’s 737 Factory and The Landing.

“This is an exciting moment for our community,” said Mayor Pavone at the ceremony. “The addition of Topgolf by The Landing is not just another source of entertainment and more job opportunities for Renton residents, it’s also another world-class business that has chosen Renton as their home. They reflect Renton in that we’re innovative, fun, and a model of inclusivity. I look forward to the project’s completion.”

Topgolf Renton—Seattle will feature Topgolf’s new skylit central atrium design, 102 outdoor hitting bays on three levels, plus a full-service restaurant and bar and private event rooms for corporate meetings, celebrations and more. It is expected to employ more than 500.

“We’re thrilled to kick off the development of Topgolf Renton—Seattle and look forward to unveiling this state-of-the-art venue,” said Topgolf Chief Development Officer Chris Callaway at the groundbreaking. “This exciting development will not only allow us to entertain the community but also further enhance the south end of Lake Washington by serving as an anchor in Renton’s entertainment district.”

Topgolf operates more than 70 venues in five countries. They have successfully pioneered a unique technology-driven experience that features an open-air and multi-level environment for their guests. Their distinctive experience features point-scoring games in outdoor hitting bay, chef-driven menu items, top-shelf drinks, music and year-round programming for all ages. In addition, their Commitment to Play Safely ensures guests can play with confidence.

This Week in Renton will not publish on August 13. We will return on August 20.

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Coming to Renton!

Topgolf first multi-level entertainment location in Washington to open by The Landing in 2022
COMMUNITY PARTNER

HealthPoint Day Proclamation

Next week, Renton City Council will recognize and honor HealthPoint by declaring Monday, August 9 HealthPoint Day. HealthPoint is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its investment in the health of Renton and King County communities. In Renton since 2006, HealthPoint provides high-quality, integrated primary health care to all, regardless of ability to pay. They have 20 locations in King County including three in Renton: Renton Health Center, Sunset Neighborhood Center, and Renton High School. The healthcare provider had an integral role in the development and implementation of the Sunset Neighborhood Community Center and the upcoming Family First Community Center. Additionally, HealthPoint’s response to the COVID pandemic was extraordinary, including the transformation of an emissions check facility in Renton into a testing and vaccination site. The recognition coincides with National Health Center Week, which is August 8-14.

RECREATION

Recreation & Neighborhoods gets grant to support STREAM

The Community Services Department’s Recreation & Neighborhoods Division has received a $25,155 grant from Washington Parks and Recreation Association. The division has earmarked the grant for use in the STREAM Team program. STREAM Team provides high-quality, culturally appropriate after-school programming in science, technology, reading, recreation, environment, arts and math for ages five to 14. The program also receives partial funding through a King County’s Best Starts for Kids grant. In addition, this partnership includes the city’s participation in a Youth Program Quality Initiative that engages and supports sites in continuous quality improvement with a focus on promoting social-emotional learning.

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Renton Road Shows will kick off the evening at 7 with live music. The movie “Raya and The Last Dragon” will follow at sunset (approx. 8:45).

“Night Out in the Neighborhood” is presented by the city’s Recreation & Neighborhoods Division in partnership with Renton River Days.

ART IN RENTON

Volunteers needed for mural project
Volunteers are needed to create a community mural in downtown Renton. Help Renton Arts Commission by adding your splash of color. No experience is necessary.

The exact date is not set but should be in mid-to-late August. Email arts@rentonwa.gov to volunteer and get more details.

Middle school art club creates community art
Art Club students at Nelsen Middle School have been busy creating public art for community enjoyment. Art teacher Sheri Bendis Stephens started the club in February, collaborating with Hanna Dillingham, an AmeriCorps VISTA with the City of Renton’s Renton Community Services Department.

The club creates community engagement through art and allows students to experience the public art process. You can find more about this project and upcoming projects on the Cascade Neighborhood Facebook page.

COMMUNITY

Community Feeding Event on Aug. 10 and 17
In partnership with the city, the SOS pop-up is a weekly FREE lunch event targeting the unhoused and those Renton residents with food insecurities.

- Amazon Fresh ready-to-eat food & drinks
- Personal hygiene kits
- Cleaning supplies
- Socks

The event is held in the parking lot near the baseball field bleachers off Houser Way (I-405 exit).

Check those recycle bins
Our solid waste division has a couple tips for recycling a couple of everyday items: fluorescent bulbs/tubes and pizza boxes.

Take your old fluorescent bulbs/tubes to one of these four recycling locations in Renton:
- McLendon Hardware, 440 Rainier Ave S., 98057
- Ace Hardware, 6020 4th St. S, 98059
- Ace Hardware, 16101 SE Puyallup Rd., 98069
- Lowe’s, 1000 Garden Ave. N, 98055

Those bulbs or tubes can release mercury into the environment, so it’s essential to dispose of them properly.

Did you know it’s okay to put soiled pizza boxes and food-soiled paper in your yard waste container? Check out this complete list of items that are accepted, courtesy of Cedar Grove Composting.

BACK TO SCHOOL
This Week in Renton

Back-to-school vaccination clinic
Renton Schools are working with Public Health - Seattle & King County and HealthPoint to host a back-to-school vaccination clinic. It will be Wednesday, Aug. 11, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Renton High School’s Health Center, 400 S. Second St. It’s intended for all students ages 4-18. The clinic will offer all vaccines required for school and COVID, plus Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and meningococcal vaccines.

HealthPoint also offers free COVID vaccinations for everyone 12 and older every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cynthia A. Green Family Center (12704 76th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98178) in Skyway. Walk-ins are welcome or you can schedule an appointment by calling 206-839-3500.

MUSEUM

Museum exhibit focuses on Pacific Northwest refugees
Renton History Museum’s newest exhibit is When You Can’t Go Home: Portraits of Refugees in the Pacific Northwest. The exhibit is the life work of Karisa Keasey, local artist, author, and advocate. With the help of World Relief, Karisa spent hours with each refugee and helps viewers feel as if they have been there. When You Can’t Go Home couples inspiring stories with the facts surrounding the ongoing global refugee crisis.
The exhibit opens Aug. 11 and runs through Nov. 6.

CITY HALL

Renton’s finances in good hands
The City of Renton Finance Department (previously Finance Division) has been awarded both the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Kari Roller, Finance Department Administrator, is proud of her department. “The city has received these annual awards many years in a row. This takes a tremendous amount of time and effort on the part of our entire staff. It’s an amazing achievement and I’m so proud of our team!”

In-person services continue, limited days/hours
We’re continuing to open our City Hall lobby for limited hours of in-person services for those without access to technology. Online services continue to be available. Finance and Police counters are open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Court Services are available Thursdays and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The in-person permit counter is closed but our virtual permit center is available online. Passports and fingerprinting are also not yet available on site.

CITY COUNCIL
This Week in Renton
Aug. 2 meeting
• Meeting documents (approved committee reports, motion sheets, and council committee meeting calendar)
• Council meeting video
• Approved Minutes (July 19 meeting)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Renton City Council meets via Zoom. For information on viewing or participating in a council meeting, go to rentonwa.gov/council. Past meetings are available at rentonwa.gov/youtube.

The council will next meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 9. Committee of the Whole will meet at 6 p.m.

CALENDAR
Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m., Senior Meals. Free, drive-thru sack lunch pick up at Senior Activity Center. Limited quantities.

Library resources and events, ongoing. Filter by event, program, and location. kcls.org

Renton Outdoors Coast & Forest presents an outdoor adventure in city parks. On Sunday mornings, discover local feathered friends and other wildlife in Birding Education, Birding Social, or River Walks series. Register online and type “Renton Outdoors” in the search box for the full lineup.

Thursdays, Aug. 19, Kickball League begins! Registration is open now for adults 18+. Gather your friends, family and co-workers and get ready to kick some red rubber balls! It’s easy, fun and social. Games are played on Thursday evenings 6-10 p.m. Four men and four women must be on the field at the start of a game. Register at rentonwa.gov/register with code #9818.

COVID-19 FREE PPE available to restaurant workers
King County is distributing free PPE masks and sanitizing wipes to county restaurant workers. The drive-through event is Tuesday, Aug. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the King County elections building, 919 S.W. Grady Way. Each restaurant worker is permitted 10 KN95 masks, 10 cloth masks and one packet of sanitizing wipes. The county asks that you pre-register and please remember to wear your mask.

COVID-19 VACCINE
King County
• Walk-in Pfizer and Moderna. Free clinic for anyone 12 and older from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Schedule an appointment.

HealthPoint
• Drive through testing and vaccination site (805 SW 10th St., 98057), offers drive-through access for the Pfizer vaccine. Appointments for 12-16 year-olds or new patients can be made by calling 866-893-5717. Current patients over age 18 can use MyHealthPoint Portal to schedule an appointment.

Kaiser Permanente
• Glacier Building and the Rainier Building are accepting appointments. You do not have to be a Kaiser Permanente member. Schedule an appointment: 877-832-9915, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Interpreters are available. Patients who are 16-17 years old must have a parent or guardian to call to schedule an appointment.

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Car-side vaccination in Auburn
• Auburn vaccination clip offers car-side service on Mondays.

Mass vaccination sites
Kent: The Goddard Center, 86 W. James St., Kent, WA 98032

Mayor Amanda Rheaume (center front) is flanked by the 2021 Renton City Council. From left: Council President Randy Corman are seated in the front row. Standing: Michael O’Hearn, 1st Vice, Council President Pro Tem Ryan McIrvin, Angelina Benedetti, Valérie O’Halloran, Kim Khanh Van, and Ed Prince. }
Auburn: 1101 Outlet Collection Way, Suite 1333, Auburn, WA 98001

- Register for an appointment [available in English only]
- Schedule via phone: If you need language interpretation or online help, the following hotlines are available. Please say your preferred language when connected:
  - WA State COVID-19 Assistance hotline: 1-888-525-0127 or 1-888-889-5812 (then press 4), 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. (Monday), 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Tuesday-Sunday)
  - King County COVID-19 Call Center: 206-477-8877, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
  - For telephone-to-text relay service, dial 7-1-1 or 1-800-833-6384. For tactile interpretation, contact: http://seattledbsc.org/
- Walk-in vaccination (no appointment required) is also available Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., while supplies last.